MODE OF PAYMENT OF HONORARIA TO MEMBERS.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Sir, I wish to be enlightened on the matter whether the honorarium will be paid annually or quarterly or monthly and that, with or without an application, and whether the payment will be by the issue of a cheque by Government.

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: The idea is that the honorarium will be paid quarterly.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know, is that to be made, with or without an application ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: It is an obvious thing that every payment is made on production of a bill from the party concerned.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS.

President: Order, Order. I find that neither in Stroud nor in Wharton is any definite lead given on the question at issue. So, for the moment, I will announce the results of the elections.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. A. N. Satyanesan is declared elected.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai is declared elected.

P. W. D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. A. Gabriel Nadar and Mr. M. Sultan Muhiadheen are declared elected.

TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker is declared elected.

UNIVERSITY SENATE.

I find that ten votes have been secured by Mr. G. Madhavan, and nine votes each by three other members. As regards the person who has secured ten votes, there could be no objection for the simple reason that there has been no doubt either with regard to the number of votes, or the mode of election. Therefore Mr. G. Madhavan's election will stand confirmed. The only question that has arisen is in regard to the second seat in the Senate. Having regard to the fact that, at present, the Chair has not been able to get at any definite ruling, one way or the other, from the books usually consulted on the matter, I shall give a considered ruling

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on the whole subject at the next session of the House. But so far as this particular election is concerned I shall give a provisional ruling which, as a matter of principle, should not be regarded as final—I want to make it clear that on a careful investigation of the law on the subject it may be that the procedure adopted by Mr. Govindan is the right procedure. But I do not wish to say one way or the other at present: So, subject to what may be called a final decision as a result of a considered ruling on the subject to be given at the time of the next sitting of the House, I direct that another election shall be held with regard to the second seat on the University Senate. So far as this second seat is concerned that election will be held after the business of the day is over. The ordinary system of voting by ballot will be adopted.

TIME-LIMIT FOR THE RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS— POINT OF ORDER *re*—

Mr. K. C. Chandy: Sir, on a point of order. I have been served with a reply by the Secretary to the Council saying that some of the .questions sent up by me were received late and that therefore they were disallowed. Rule 12 of the Legislative Rules says :

> "A member who wishes to ask a question shall give notice in writing to the Secretary at least 12 clear days before the date fixed for the meeting at which he desires to put the question and shall together with the notice submit a copy of the question which he wishes to ask :
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> Provided that the President may allow a question to be put with shorter notice than 12 days and may in any case require longer notice or may extend the time for answering a question."

The expressions are "twelve clear days' notice" and "the date at which he desires to put the question"—these are very important. My letter to the Secretary is dated 9th Chingom 1120. I had pointed out that those questions were to be put at the meeting of the Council to be held on 27-1-1120. Neither the Act nor the rules define the word 'meeting' or the 'session'. The Standing Orders give a definition of the two words. 'Meeting' means a meeting of the Council. 'Session' means the whole period from the time when the Council is assembled to the time when it is prorogued. If you look at the list of business supplied to us each day it gives that the following business will be transacted at the meeting to be held on such and such a day. Therefore my point is that meaning of the word 'meeting' as contemplated by rule 12 is only a sitting of the Council and if that be so, my questions were within time and therefore they should not have been disallowed.

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